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Louise Ayres Garnett

I cannot weep as I see him—
Beautiful,
Venturesome,
Stripped and free.

THE PRODIGAL

God has such a splendid way
Of launching his unchallenged yea:
Of giving sphery grapes their sheen;
Of painting trees and grasses green;
Of crooning April rains that we
May wash us in simplicity;
Of swinging little smiling moons
Beyond the reach of noisy noons;
Of storing in the honey bee
The whole of life's epitome.

God has such a splendid way
Of tempting beauty out of clay,
And from the scattered dusts that sleep
Summoning men who laugh and weep;
And, by and by, of letting death
Draw into space our thread of breath.

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